

[redacted] departed from DPD 23 June 1959. (COR-0526)

CAMERA & FILM LOADING - L Bldg.

Report by [redacted] on trip to accept payload 20-26 Oct 1959

Test records and camera logs revealed insufficiencies. Conditions in "clean room" more like a factory; area sadly lacking in cleanliness, and in equipment to perform testing. Operational film, handled carefully up to delivery at "L" Bldg. is stacked on the floor where dirt could get to it; spools ~~xx~~ stood on their flanges despite instructions not to do so --check on these spools showed all flanges to be damaged. Addtl air conditioning for dark room recommended. Also recommend adding a pre-flight technician to the L team.

Stand-down CORONA: Gen. Ritland recommended to Schriever a temporary suspension of COR launches pending review of all but basic propulsion systems. [redacted] to attend 30 Nov 59 mtg in Wash.

ARGON: Design for camera and components frozen. Itek out of picture on camera testing for ARGON config.

At 30 Nov mtg. BMD painted a black picture but RMB said their financial outlook was overstated and he did not see flts being curtailed for 59-60.